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SUBJ: LEADER GRANTS

REFS: A. ABIDJAN 2042; B. STATE 091467

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT PERPLEXED TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT IGNORED OUR REQUEST FOR GRANTS FOR MORO BITTY AND BILE MALAN, OUR FIRST TWO CHOICES REFTEL A, WHILE SELECTING OUR FOURTH AND FIFTH CHOICES. AS NOTED REFTEL A, BITTY WILL BE IN CANADA IN AUGUST ON CANADIAN GOVERNMENT GRANT, PROVIDING US WITH EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM HIM FOR U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS. ALTHOUGH POST ANXIOUS FOR LANZENI COULIBALY TO RECEIVE GRANT, HE COULD EASILY TRAVEL NEXT YEAR WHEREAS BILE MALAN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER END OF JULY. BILE MALAN COULD TRAVEL MID-JUNE TO END OF JULY.

2. ABDOULAYE KONE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR AS ALREADY REPORTED PARA 2, ABIDJAN 916, AND POST ASSUMED HIS GRANT WAS USED TO FINANCE PARTIAL GRANTS KPATCHIBO AND KRA AS SUGGESTED PARA 1, ABIDJAN 1233.

3. GABRIEL LOHOURY DID RECEIVE PARTIAL GRANT 1971. REQUEST REFTEL A, HOWEVER, WAS FOR HIS WIFE, MARIE-LAURE LOHOURY, WHO HAS NEVER VISITED U.S. POST HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT MADELEINE TCHICAYA WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL BEFORE LATE SUMMER 1975, WHILE MRS. LOHOURY COULD TRAVEL THIS SUMMER. WE THUS PREFER THAT MRS. LOHOURY RECEIVE GRANT THIS YEAR AND WILL RECOMMEND MRS. TCHICAYA FOR GRANT FROM FY 75 FUNDS.

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4. TO SUMMARIZE, POST REQUEST 1) PARTIAL GRANT BE WRITTEN FOR BITTY MORO, 2) FULL GRANT BE WRITTEN FOR BILE MALAN RATHER THAN LANZENI COULIBALY, WITH COULIBALY AS ALTERNATE, 3) GRANT BE WRITTEN FOR MRS. LOHOURY RATHER THAN MRS. TCHICAYA WITH TCHICAYA AS ALTERNATE, AND 4) ABDOULAYE KONE GRANT BE CANCELLED.

5. ALTERNATES M'LAN GRANT FURNISHED A-132, NOVEMBER 16, 1973.

FOLLOWING IS BIO-DATA:

NAME: MARCEL OUATTARA M'LAN

SIGNIFICANT POSITION: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, MINISTRY OF PLAN

DATE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 3 September 2013]

PLACE OF BIRTH: KATIOLA, IVORY COAST

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED - CHILDREN: THREE (7-3-1)

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: B.P. 649, ABIDJAN

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: MRS. OUATTARA BEATRICE,
B.P. 649, ABIDJAN

EDUCATION:

1960-1962: UNIVERSITY OF ABIDJAN - ECONOMIC SCIENCES

1962-1966: UNIVERSITY OF CAEN (FRANCE) - ECONOMIC SCIENCES

PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD:

TO U.S. 1968 (THREE MONTHS), WORLD BANK TRAINING COURSE

TO OTHER COUNTRIES: FRANCE, ITALY, BELGUIM, ECUADOR, CHILE,
BRAZIL, ISRAEL, WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: GOOD

KNOWLEGE OF OTHER LANGUAGE: SPANISH

6. LOHOURY AND BITTY HAVE NEVER VISITED U.S.

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